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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - REPLACEMENT FOR
DIRECTORATE STAFF MEMBER

1. WE HAVE HEARD THAT JOHN HAINES OF THE ENVIRONMENT
DIRECTORATE HAS BEGUN A TWO-YEAR DETAIL TO THE UNEP
PARIS OFFICE. WHILE HE APPARENTLY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO
THE DIRECTORATE FOR CERTAIN LIMITED DUTIES, HIS DEPARTURE
RAISES THE QUESTION OF A REPLACEMENT.

2. IN OUR VIEW, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT HAINES BE
REPLACED BY A QUALIFIED PERSON EXPERIENCED IN AIR POLLU-
TION SCIENCE OR ENGINEERING, RATHER THAN A "GENERALIST"
OR SPECIALIST IN SOME OTHER FIELD. DESPITE THE DEVELOP-
MENT OF A "PROJECT APPROACH" IN THE WORK OF THE ENVIRON-
MENT COMMITTEE, WE AND MOST OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
ARE CONVINCED THAT THE AIR AND WATER GROUPS MUST CONTINUE
TO BE ADEQUATELY SERVICED FULL TIME BY QUALIFIED PERSONS
ON THE DIRECTORATE. THIS IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ASSURE
THE CONTINUITY AND MINIMUM MOMENTUM NEEDED TO KEEP THE KEY
EXPERTS IN THE MEMBER COUNTRIES INTERESTED AND ACTIVE IN
SPECIFIC AIR OR WATER PROJECTS, OR THEIR "SHARE" OF MULTI-
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DISCIPLINARY PROJECTS. A PURELY AD HOC APPROACH IS LIKELY

TO CREATE MANY MORE PROBLEMS THAN IT WOULD SOLVE. (THIS

GROUND WAS WELL COVERED IN MEETINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE DURING 1975, AND WE THUS DO NOT DEVELOP THE
ARGUMENT FURTHER HERE.)

3. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS THE HAINES VACANCY
WITH RODERICK TO DETERMINE HIS INTENTIONS IN RELATION
TO FILLING IT, STRESSING THE ABOVE POINT IF APPROPRIATE.
PLEASE ADVISE. INGERSOLL

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